



House Update and Public Laws for the Week of January 21-25, 2008

Last Week in the House

On Tuesday, January 22, 2008 the House passed eight suspension bills:

- H.R. 3988, "To designate the 'Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building' in Fort Worth, Texas" (Voice vote)
- H.R. 4211, "To designate the 'Judge Richard B. Allsbrook Post Office' in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina" (Passed 391-0, [Roll Call 19](#))
- H.R. 4986, "To designate the 'Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building' in Waco, Texas" (Voice vote)
- H.Con.Res. 198, "Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States has a moral responsibility to meet the needs of those persons, groups and communities that are impoverished, disadvantaged or otherwise in poverty" (Voice vote)
- H.R. 409, "To amend title 23, United States Code, to inspect highway tunnels" (Voice vote)
- H.Res. 772, "Recognizing the American Highway Users Alliance on the occasion of its 75th anniversary, and for other purposes" (Voice vote)
- H.Res. 866, "Honoring the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard whose tireless work, dedication, and commitment to protecting the United States have led to the Coast Guard seizing over 350,000 pounds of cocaine at sea during 2007, far surpassing all of our previous records" (Adopted 391-0, [Roll Call 20](#))
- H.R. 3432, "Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Act" *Concur in Senate amendments* (Voice vote)

**Note: Suspension bills require two-thirds majority for passage.*

On Wednesday, January 23, 2008 House passed eight suspension bills:

- H.R. 3873, "Section 515 Rural Housing Property Transfer Improvement Act of 2007" (Voice vote)
- H.R. 3959, "To amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the phase-in of actuarial rates for certain pre-FIRM properties" (Voice vote)
- H.Res. 916, "Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools" (Voice vote)
- H.Res. 908, "Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month" (Voice vote)
- H.Res. 932, "Expressing support for designation of the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008 as 'National School Counseling Week' " (Voice vote)
- H.Res. 852, "Raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by establishing January 2008 as 'National Stalking Awareness Month' " (Voice vote)



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- H.R. 3992, "Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2007" (Voice vote)
- H.R. 3971, "Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2007" (Voice vote)

On Wednesday, January 23, 2008 the House also voted on overriding the President's Veto of H.R. 3963, "Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007." The House failed to override the veto by a vote of 260-152 [Roll Call 22](#), two-thirds of House not voting in the affirmative.

Public Laws Signed Last Week

For the Week of January 21-25, 2008 the President did not sign any bills into law.

Thus far in the 110th Congress, the President has signed 180 bills into law. Of those bills, 73 were for the purpose of naming post offices or public buildings.